AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An image display apparatus comprising:

a white light source for emitting white light in the form of a light beam of a prescribed cross-sectional area;

three spatial light modulating elements for modulating three primary colors, respectively;

a [[~~focusing~~]] lens for [[~~focusing~~]] emitting the light beam emitted from the white light source;

a primary means [[~~of adjustment~~]] for adjusting the color balance of the white light entering or leaving the [[~~focusing~~]] lens by reducing the level of any of the red, green or blue light components of the white light;

means of separating and synthesizing for separating the three primary colors of light for which color balance has been adjusted with the primary means [[~~of~~]] for adjustment, for directing light of the three primary colors to the three spatial light modulating elements and for synthesizing light of the three primary colors modulated with the three spatial light modulating elements; and

means of projection for projecting light synthesized with the means of separating and synthesizing.

2. (Currently amended) The image display apparatus of claim 2, further comprising:

a barrier member for blocking all wavelength regions of the white light in at least part of a light beam entering or leaving the [[~~focusing~~]] lens; and

a secondary means [[~~of adjustment~~]] for adjusting the intensity of the white light in a light beam in which all wavelength regions are interrupted by the barrier member.

3. (Currently amended) The image display apparatus of claims 1, wherein a lens array, a glass rod, or an internally reflecting columnar mirror is provided between the white light source and the [[~~focusing~~]] lens.

4. (Currently amended) The image display apparatus of claims 2, wherein a lens array, a glass rod, or an internally reflecting columnar mirror is provided between the white light source and the [[~~focusing~~]] lens.

5. (New) The image display apparatus of claim 1, wherein the primary means is a filter for reducing the level of any of the red, green or blue light components of the white light.

6. (New) The image display apparatus of claims 1, wherein the primary means is a filter for reducing the level of any of the red, green or blue light components of the white light at both ends either in the left and right direction or in the upper and lower direction of the prescribed cross-sectional area of the white light and the barrier member can move in a direction orthogonal to the side at which the filter is disposed.

7. (New) An image display apparatus comprising:

emitting white light;

adjusting the color balance of the white light by reducing the level of any of the red, green or blue light components of the white light;

separating the color balance adjusted white light into the three primary colors;

modulating the three primary colors;

synthesizing the modulated three primary colors; and

projecting the synthesized light.